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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

The following amendments are made with respect to the claims attached to the IPER. Therefore, please replace existing page 9 of the international application with the amended claim sheet (replacement page 9) of the annexes attached to the IPER, and make the following amendments to the claims including the replacement page 9.

Claim 2 (amended):

The [An] antibody, according to claim 1, wherein the amount of antibody bound in the second sample is > 60% of that bound in the first sample.

Claim 3 (amended):

The [An] antibody, according to claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the pH in step (iii) is reduced to pH 2.5 - pH 2.0.